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DEPARTMENT FOR EB/FTD:ST. JOHN

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD, KS, EEC  
SUBJECT: EEC-KOREAN TEXTILE TALKS

REF: SMITH/ST. JOHN TELCON AUGUST 30, 1977

1. SEPARATE TALKS BETWEEN MEMBERS U.S. TEXTILE DEL AND MEMBERS  
OF KOREAN TEAM WHICH MET WITH EEC'S TRAN ET AL EARLY AUGUST  
HAVE CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORT THAT EEC SOUGHT REDUCTIONS BEYOND  
1976 TRADE IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES.

2. KIM SAM MOON, OF MOFA COMMERCE DIV. II (US, EEC) REPORTED TO  
BREW AUGUST 31 THAT TEAM GENERALLY REPEATED DEMANDS MADE TO  
TEXTILES COMMITTEE DURING JULY MEETING. SPECIFICALLY, EC SOUGHT  
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76 TRADE LEVELS (NOT QUOTA LEVELS) AS A BASE FROM WHICH ALL NEW  
LEVELS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED; GENERAL LEVELS FOR PRESENT WOULD BE  
1976 LEVELS, WITH 4-5 ITEMS (INCLUDING SWEATERS, BLOUSES AND  
SHIRTS) AT FROM 10-15 PERCENT BELOW 1976 LEVELS.

3. NOH CHICH SHIK, OF MCI, CONFIRMED TO SMITH AUGUST 31 THAT EC  
HAD REQUESTED LEVELS BELOW 1976 LEVELS ON 3-4 ITEMS; KIM CHUL

SOO (MCI) ALSO CITED TO BREW THIS FIGURE, NOTING THAT IT REPRESENTED LARGE PORTION OF KOREAN TRADE WITH EEC. FYI ROK TEXTILE TRADE TO EC ACCOUNTS FOR 66 PERCENT OF TOTAL, ACCORDING TO NOH. END FYI CHAI HO JOONG (MOFA ASST. MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS), WHO CHAIRED NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. TEAM, HAS ALSO CONFIRMED TO SMITH AND BREW SEPARATELY THAT EC DEMANDS WERE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN 1976 LEVELS.

4. ACCORDING KIM SAM MOON, KOREAN RESPONSE TO EC WAS THAT THEY (THE ROKG) WOULD NOT EVEN TALK ON BASIS OF EC DEMANDS PRESENTED IN AUGUST. KIM STATED HE BELIEVED EC PRESENTED SIMILAR DEMANDS TO HONG KONG AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN REJECTED AS "INSULTING." FURTHER TWO U.S. COMMERCE TEXTILE OFFICIALS DURING RECENT VISIT TO BANGKOK WERE TOLD BY THAI THAT EC WOULD MAKE DEMANDS ON THAILAND WHICH, IN TRAN'S OWN WORDS, WOULD BE "INSULTING, IMMORAL, AND ILLEGAL." KIM SAM MOON UNDERSTANDS THAT TRAN PLANS TO PRESENT RESULTS OF HIS ASIAN TRIP TO ECO COMMISSION EARLY SEPTEMBER AND TO OBTAIN FINAL NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS THEN.

5. TEAM SUGGESTS THAT CONGEN HONG KONG CONTACT EITHER TSAO OR MILLS TO OBTAIN BACKGROUND ON EEC-HK TALKS.  
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